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SUBJECT: ANANDA MARG VISA APPLICANTS

REF: A) STATE 51504, B) LONDON 4475, C) LONDON 4905

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED FROM ANANDA MARG REP IN WASHINGTON THAT TWO AVADHUTS IN BRITAIN WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK IMMIGRATION TO U.S. RATHER THAN RETURN TO INDIA IN WAKE OF LIFTING OF BAN ON THEIR ORGANIZATION THERE. THEY CONSIDER THEIR ASSIGNMENT TO SERVE AS TEACHERS IN THE U.S. TO BE UNAFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER EXPLAINED TO MARG REP THAT THE APPLICATIONS CAN BE PROCESSED NORMALLY BY U.S. EMBASSY AT ANY PLACE WHERE THE TWO APPLICANTS ARE LEGALLY PRESENT. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT NORMAL PROCESSING INCLUDES THE REQUIREMENT TO SECURE POLICE CERTIFICATES.
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3. FOR LONDON: WASHINGTON MARG OFFICE IS IN TOUCH WITH APPLICANTS BY PHONE AND WILL PROBABLY ADVISE THEM TO CONCENTRATE ON SECURING ADMISSION TO U.K. AND PURSUING IV APPLICATIONS THROUGH EMBASSY LONDON, IF ONLY TO SAVE FURTHER TRAVEL COSTS. WHAT ARE PROSPECTS THAT HMG WILL

NOW ADMIT THEM IN VIEW OF LIFTING OF INDIAN BAN, OR
ALTERNATIVELY INSIST THAT THEY RETURN TO INDIA, WHERE
THEY PRESUMABLY NOW FACE NO DANGER?

4. FOR NEW DELHI: REQUEST EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON WHETHER
WE SHOULD MODIFY OUR EXISTING GUIDELINES ON HANDLING
OF ANANDA MARG VISA APPLICATIONS (REFTEL A AND 76 STATE
293701) IN VIEW OF LIFTING OF BAN AGAINST ORGANIZATION.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED EMBASSY REPORTING ON FUTURE
OF ANANDA MARG AND ITS LEADER P. R. SARKAR.
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